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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of educated and uneducated rural and urban persons including Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes registered with employment exchanges in the country during each of the last three years and thereafter till date, separately, State-wise;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted by some agencies including International Labour Organisation and National Sample Survey Organisation to assess the unemployment in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to create Additional avenues /opportunities for employment during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period; and

(d) the number of rural and urban unemployed persons targeted to be provided employment during 2008-09?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a): State-wise number of educated and uneducated job seekers as also number of rural and urbanjob seekers including Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward classes registeredwith employment exchanges as on 31.12.03, 31.12.04 and 31.12.2005 is given in Annex-I, II & IIIrespectively.

(b): Estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour forcesurveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation and last such survey was conducted during 2004-05.

(c) & (d): As per two most recent quinquennial rounds of National Sample Survey Organisation(NSSO) on employment and unemployment, unemployment rate on usual status basis is estimatedat 2.3% in 2004-05 (61st round) as compared to 2.2% in 1999-2000 (55th round). Government hasbeen implementing various employment generation schemes such as Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana(PMRY); Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY);Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY);Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY); Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) and NationalRural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (NREGA), etc. for generating gainful employment opportunities in the country. The 11th Plan document, approved by National Development Council has projected that58 million jobs opportunities on Current Daily Status are likely to be created during the 11th Planperiod, in both rural and urban areas at an average of 11.6 million job opportunities per annum.